



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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House: GOV DP 6-5-0-0

HCR2041: corporation commission; appointment; members

Sponsor: Representative Toma, LD 22

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Overview

Modifies the way Corporation Commission members are appointed and increases their term limits.

History

The State Constitution creates a Corporation Commission that consists of five members who are elected in a general election to four-year terms. No Corporation Commission member may hold that office for more than two consecutive terms. A commissioner cannot serve again in the office unless they are out of that office for one full term. The Corporation Commission must keep its office at the state capital. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor appoints a commissioner to fill the vacancy until a commissioner is elected at a general election as prescribed by law ([AZ Const. Art. XV, § 1](#)).

Provisions

1. Removes the limit of a maximum of two consecutive terms for a Corporation Commission member.
2. Requires Corporation Commission members to be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, replacing the requirement that the five Corporation Commission members be elected in the general election.
3. Specifies that the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, will:
 - a) Upon the expiration of terms of two commissioners in January 2023, appoint a commissioner for a term beginning in January 2023 and ending January 2026 and appoint another commissioner whose term will begin in January 2023 that will end January 2027; and
 - b) On the expiration of terms of three commissioners in January 2025, appoint the commissioners whose terms will all begin in January 2025 but will each end on January 2028, January 2029 and January 2030.
4. Increases the term length for commissioners to five years.
5. Authorizes the Governor, in the case of a vacancy in the office, to appoint a commissioner with the consent of the Senate for the remainder of the term.
6. Asserts that no more than three Corporation Commission members may be from the same political party.
7. Directs the Secretary of State to submit this proposition to the voters at the next general election.
8. Contains conforming changes.

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)

☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)

☐ Emergency (40 votes)

☐ Fiscal Note